



# Louisiana Housing Finance Agency

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Walter O. Guillory and seconded by Vice-Chair Allison A. Jones:

## RESOLUTION

**Authorizing the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency ("Agency") to apply for a \$25,000,000 competitive grant award from HUD under the "Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2"; to authorize staff to develop and implement a proposal toward a concurrent Neighborhood Stabilization Program utilizing grant funds to augment and expand the current program into additional areas and tracts previously not identified for participation in the prior plan.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published the following information regarding the "Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2", which is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and which will expand the current Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which preceded the ARRA:

**Allocation:** \$1.93 billion to be allocated by competition to grantees to carry out NSP activities; up to 10% of which may be allocated by competition to Grantees to supply "capacity building" and "support" to NSP1 or NSP2 grantees. The Department will withhold 1% for technical assistance and administration of the program.

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible entities are states, units of general local government, nonprofit entities, and consortia of nonprofit entities. Any lead applicant may submit a proposal in partnership with one or more for-profit entities.

**Competition Design:** The Recovery Act directs HUD to narrow the field of qualified geographies based on need using the NSP Need Calculation Tool (coming soon). Proposals from the areas of highest need will be judged on: 1) capacity of the lead applicant to execute projects, 2) leveraging potential, 3) concentration of investment to achieve neighborhood stabilization, and 4) other criteria that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

**Eligible Proposals:** Proposals must be designed such that the Grantee expends at least 50% of its award within two years and 100% of its award within three years of the date the award is made. Generally, activities that are eligible for inclusion in the proposals are the same as those eligible under NSP1. The Recovery Act did make several changes to NSP1 eligible uses as follows:

- Land bank is redefined to include operational costs and is expanded to include residential properties, not just foreclosed homes.
- Limits redevelopment of vacant or demolished property only as housing.
- Demolition of public housing is prohibited.

**Threshold Requirements:** HUD has established a \$5 million minimum for successful applications.

**Limitations:** The share of the award that an applicant may propose to use for demolition activities is limited to 10%, unless the Secretary deems a greater share to be an appropriate response to the local market. Applicants may reserve 10% of the award for administrative expenses, as under NSP1.

**Waivers:** The Secretary maintains broad waiver authority, except for requirements related to fair housing, non-discrimination, labor standards, and the environment.

**Application Deadline:** The application deadline date is July 17, 2009. Applications must be received via paper submission to the Robert C. Weaver HUD Headquarters building by 5:00 PM on the deadline date.

**WHEREAS,** the LHFA currently administers and operates the \$34.18 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program on behalf of the State of Louisiana through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Community Development (OCD), the grantee of the funds; and

**WHEREAS,** LHFA desires to apply for the NSP-2 funds on behalf of the State of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS,** the NSP2 has tight deadlines to meet;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (“Board”), acting as the governing authority of said Agency, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Agency is authorized to apply for a grant from HUD under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2.

**SECTION 2.** Should the proposal that is offered pursuant to this resolution be funded or awarded by HUD, LHFA staff and counsel as necessary are hereby directed to develop and implement the state’s NSP-2 program in keeping with the funded proposal, including identifying additional tracts for inclusion into the regular NSP.

**SECTION 3.** LHFA staff is directed to work with all due diligence and effort in competing for these additional funds, utilizing all available means and resources.

**SECTION 4.** The Board approves and authorizes the use of contractors currently working on program design under the NSP program listed herein:

a. Alfred Gensler

b. Suzie Elkins

**SECTION 5.** The Chairman, Vice Chairman, President, Vice President, and/or Secretary of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute any forms and/or documents required to be executed on behalf of and in the name of the Agency, the terms of which are to be consistent with the provisions of this resolution as approved by the Agency counsel.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

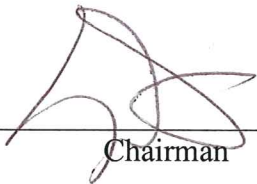
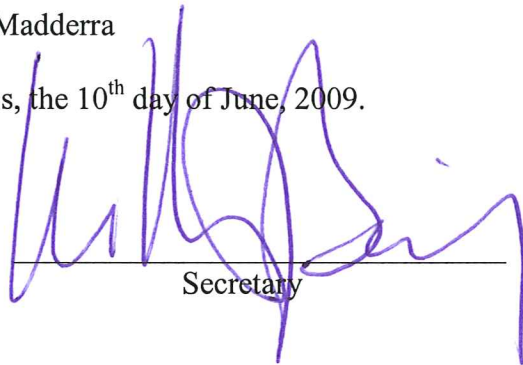
**YEAS:** Wayne E. Woods, Allison A. Jones, Guy T. Williams, Mayson H. Foster, Michael L. Airhart, Tyrone A. Wilson, Susan Sonnier, Walter O. Guillory, Joseph M. Scontrino, III, Katie Anderson, Jerome Boykin, Sr., Elsenia Young

**ABSTAIN:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** John Kennedy, J. Mark Madderra

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

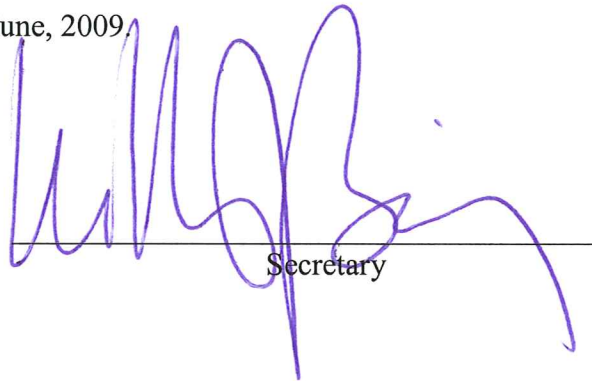
  
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Chairman  
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Secretary

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing four (4) pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Commissioners on June 10, 2009 authorizing the Agency to apply for \$25,000,000 in NSP-2 funds and develop and implement concurrent NSP program.

**IN FAITH WHEREOF**, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the Agency on this, the 10th day of June, 2009,



Secretary

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